

SEPTEMBER 17, 2017

24th SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

MONDAY

8:30 Joseph Vozza req. by Mary & Bob McGauley
Rodica Balint req. by the Dirle Family

TUESDAY – Saint Januarius, Martyr

8:30 Deceased members of the Winberry Family req. by Family

WEDNESDAY - Saints Andrew Kim Tae-gon, Paul Chong Ha-sand, and Companions, Martyrs

8:30 Margaret McGovern req. by Betsy Sutherland
Joseph Vozza req. by Clare Cronin & Family

THURSDAY – Saint Matthew, Apostle & Evangelist

8:30 Margaret McGovern req. by the Hand Families

FRIDAY

8:30 Patricia Mastroianni req. by Terry Mazzaferre

SATURDAY – Saint Pius of Pietrelcina

8:30 George Sax
5:30 People of the Parish
Robert Quinn (8th Anniv.) req. by his wife, Janice

SEPTEMBER 24, 2017

25th SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

7:45 Peter Cofrancesco req. by the Paladini Family
Edwin Taylor req. by the Scanlon Family
9:00 Thomas & Catherine Bracken req. by Tom & Pat Bracken
Judy Beebe req. by Linda & Marty Brady
10:30 Craig Sprich
Janice Luby req. by Family
12:00 Timothy J. Conlon req. by Jo & Carl Doubet
Special Intention of Fin & Lito Ronquillo req. by Anna & Simon

PARISH FINANCES

September 10, 2017 \$ 9,833 .

In an effort to help the people affected by Hurricanes Harvey and Irma, we will have a Second Collection on the weekend of September 30-October 1. All proceeds will be sent directly to Catholic Charities USA who is already in position and getting resources to the needy.

VIVERE CHRISTUS AWARD



Bill and Judy received the Vivere Christus presented to them by Bishop Serratelli in recognition of all they have done for the Church.

REFLECTION

Remember the Mercy

God's forgiveness knows no limits; it is greater than anything we can imagine, and it comes to all who know in their hearts that they have done wrong and desire to return to him. God looks at the heart that seeks forgiveness.

The problem, unfortunately, comes whenever we have to deal with a brother or sister who has even slightly offended us. The reaction described in the parable describes it perfectly: "He seized him by the throat and said, 'Pay what you owe!'" Here we encounter all the drama of our human relationships. When we are indebted to others, we expect mercy; but when others are indebted to us, we demand justice! All of us do this. It is a reaction unworthy of Christ's disciples, nor is it the sign of a Christian style of life.

Jesus teaches us to forgive and to do so limitlessly: "I do not say to you seven times, but seventy-seven times". What he offers us is the Father's love, not our own claims to justice. To trust in the latter alone would not be the sign that we are Christ's disciples who have obtained mercy at the foot of the cross solely by virtue of the love of the Son of God. Let us not forget, then, the harsh saying at the end of the parable: "So also my heavenly Father will do to every one of you, if you do not forgive your brother from your heart".

Pope Francis, *Meditation at Assisi*

THE WEEK IN THE PARISH –9/17/17 – 9/23/17

Sun.	CCD and Confirmation begin	
Mon	7:30 PM RCIA	St. Lucy
Tues.	9:15 AM Bible Study	Library
	7:30 PM Parent Support	Parish Center
Thur.	6:45 PM BINGO (non-smoking)	McKenna
Fri.	8:30 PM AA	Cassidy
Sat.	After 8:30 Mass – Legion of Mary	St. Benedict
	8:00 PM AA	McKenna

LITURGY

TWENTY-FOURTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

First Reading: Sirach 27:30—28:7

Sirach advises all to forgive the faults of their neighbor. Only by forgiving the sins of others, can a person expect to be forgiven his sins.

Second Reading: Romans 14:7-9

Paul stresses that no one is his own master; we are responsible to the Lord, and we belong to him in both life and death.

Gospel: Matthew 18:21-35

This narrative points out the difference between mercy and justice. When Peter asks how often he should forgive someone who wrongs him, Jesus answers, "...not seven times: I say seventy times seven times." Jesus then narrates the story of the king who was merciful to his official by forgiving him all his debts, but this same official showed no mercy to his own servant.

NEXT SUNDAY

TWENTY-FIFTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

First Reading: Isaiah 55:6-9

Second Reading: Philippians 1:20c-24, 27a

Gospel: Matthew 20:1-16a

KEEP IN YOUR PRAYERS

Those serving in the military especially: Richard Fox, John Garlasco, Brian McCarthy, Lt. Daniel Faherty, Joseph Venutolo, Cpl. Marc Vero, Sgt. Jeremy Overstreet, Kevin Michael Kiefer, Michael Krapels, Robert Stumpe, USMC, Staff Sgt. Jeremy Curcio, Staff Sgt. Lena Webb, Spc. Samuel Nolan, US Army, Lt. Jamie Curcio, Navy Reserve, 1ST Lt. Christopher Tantillo; Cpl. Conor J. Brady, USMC, LCpl. Marc Stanziale, USMC, 1ST Lt. Joseph Brunone, US Nat'l Guard, Brandon Adams, USAF, Pfc Paul Wilcock II, Private William Maloney. Please continue to pray for all our servicemen and women.

Please let us know when your loved one has returned. Thank you.

MUSIC MINISTRY

The Adult Choir practice takes place on Tuesdays at 7:30 PM in the Choir loft.

Contemporary Choir - Saturdays, 4:30 PM in St. Cecilia Room.

Children's Choir practice takes place on Thursdays at 2:45 PM in the St. Cecilia Room.

Vocal- Instrumental Group - contact our Music Director, Krzysztof Kowalewski at the parish office.

New and existing members are invited.

SPIRITUAL ENRICHMENT

YOUTH GROUP/DOGMA TEAM

Youth Group meets every Monday at 6:30 PM. to 8:00 PM in the Youth Room.

BIBLE STUDY BEGINS

Increase your understanding of Holy Scripture by attending Bible study at our parish center. Special emphasis will be placed on Sunday Scripture readings and how they connect to daily living. Our first meeting will be on September 26th at **7:00 to 8:30 PM** in the Cassidy Hall. All are welcome.

SCRIPTURE CLASS

Scripture class will resume on Tuesday, September 12th following 8:30 morning Mass.

We meet every Tuesday in the Parish Library. Our main focus is on the readings and Gospel for that weekend Mass.

Please join us for a very relaxed discussion as we relate to how the Gospel speaks to us in our lives. Bring a friend as we all journey in our faith together. The class is only one hour. Hope to see some new faces; it will be an hour well spent!

Spiritual Guidance through the Wisdom of the Saints

Holiness is not just reserved for a few mystics or saints. We are all called to grow spiritually, and the saints have provided us with a roadmap for that spiritual journey in prayer and holiness, to God.

Please join us **on Wednesday evenings, October 4 – December 6, from 7:30 – 9:00 p.m. in the Parish Library**, for our next "Study of the Saints" discussion group opportunity. All are welcome!

- Learn about the 3 major stages in everyone's spiritual journey.
- Compare the teachings and advice of 7 very different saints and Doctors of the Church.
- Take part in lively, candid discussions and shared experiences of fellow parishioners.
- Develop a better understanding and plan for your own personal spiritual growth in prayer and holiness. Participants will be using the book, "The Fulfillment of all Desire" written by Ralph Martin. Contact Jeff Tucker (973) 726-9011 or Nancy Hefele (973) 713-1376 to register and to reserve one of our pre-ordered books.

RCIA

ARE YOU SOMEONE OR DO YOU KNOW SOMEONE WHO...

- Has expressed an interest in becoming Catholic?
- Was baptized Catholic as a child, but has not celebrated the Sacraments of Confirmation and Eucharist?

We offer an opportunity to come together in a small group to learn more about our faith. Sessions focus on the teachings and experience of Church and prepare individuals to celebrate the Sacraments of Baptism, Confirmation, and Eucharist during the Easter season. You are welcome to participate in the process with your questions, your insights and your faith story in a warm accepting setting. Sessions are being held on Monday evenings, 7 - 8:30 pm starting in the St. Lucy Room. For information please contact Deacon Jim McGovern at (973) 864-7669, jamesmcgovern34@gmail.com.

CYO BASKETBALL TRYOUTS AND EVALUATIONS

SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 23

Registration: \$199 non-refundable fee made out to Our Lady of the Lake and paid upon registration. Uniforms are included. New players must bring Baptismal certificate for parishioners, non-parishioners need to bring birth certificate.



JV Boys Grades 4, 5 & 6 – 12 to 1:00 PM
Varsity Boys Grades 7 & 8 – 1 to 2:00 PM
Girls Grades 4 through 8 – 2 to 3:00 PM

All parishioners of Our Lady of the Lake are guaranteed placement. Non-parishioners will be placed or not, based on availability. If a player is not placed on a team, they will be refunded their money.

Registration forms can be found on OLL website or the parish office. If you have any question, please contact Dan Scully at (973) 534-6462 or Scott Shepherd at (973) 670-2107 or Email OLLSPARTACYO@GMAIL.COM. If you cannot make the evaluations, please send or drop off full registration, along with check to Dan Scully c/o Scully Travel, 6 Apple Tree 2B, Sparta, NJ 07871 or Scott Shepherd 12 Valley View Trl, Sparta, NJ 07871. **All registrations & check must be received by Sat., Sept 30th.**

2017 Bishop's Annual Appeal Diocese of Paterson



In Giving, We Receive

For your convenience, you are able to make an on-line gift to the 2017 Bishop's Annual Appeal by going to www.2017appeal.org and following the instructions. You can either make a one-time gift or a pledge with monthly payments made automatically for your convenience. More and more parishioners are taking advantage of this option, so please consider using this method today.

Whether it is a pledge, a one-time gift or an on-line donation, your support is greatly needed. Every gift counts! Please participate in the 2017 Appeal!

BLESSING OF THE PETS OCTOBER 4TH – 4:00 PM

St. Francis of Assisi is remembered as the Patron Saint of Animals.

Our Lady of the Lake Church is providing a "BLESSING" for ALL ANIMALS in front of the church on October 4th at 4:00 PM sharp. Treats for the animals will also be available. Mark your calendar for this wonderful event. **The ceremony will take place rain or shine.**



FAITH, FAMILY, FOUNDATION, FUTURE POPE JOHN XXIII REGIONAL HIGH SCHOOL INVITES YOU TO OUR OCTOBER OPEN HOUSES

For incoming 9th Grade – October 10, 7:30 PM
For incoming 8th Grade – October 24, 7:30 PM
Question? Contact Anne Kaiser, Admission
(973) 729-6126 or annekaiser@popejohn.org

THANK YOU

Thank you to all of our generous parishioners who donated clothing and tin pan dinners. We were able to give over 100 trays and the van had to make a second trip for the rest of the household items and clothes. Your support is greatly appreciated.

**DIOCESE OF PATERSON
MARIAN PILGRIMAGE
THE BASILICA OF THE NATIONAL SHRINE
OF THE IMMACULATE CONCEPTION**



**WASHINGTON, DC
October 21, 2017**

If you've signed up for this pilgrimage, please send in your payment now. Make your check payable to Our Lady of the Lake and put "pilgrimage" in the memo.

For the two-day spiritual journey, October 20-21, 2017, please contact Fr. Michael Rodak at (973) 728-8162.

SAVE THE DATE! OCTOBER 14, 9:30 AM
A Solemn Pontifical Mass in the Latin Rite will be offered at the Cathedral of St. John the Baptist at 381 Grand St., Paterson, sponsored by the Priestly Fraternity of Saint Peter. Celebrant: Most Rev. Arthur Serratelli. For more information contact Dr. Joseph Daly, at (973) 464-2954 or JRDALY74@HOTMAIL.COM.

**2017 Our Lady of the Lake
Cornerstone Men's Retreat
Register NOW**

The Men's Cornerstone will start 6:00pm on Friday, October 27 through Saturday evening October 28th.

Do not miss this unique opportunity to spend 26 hours that could have a profound impact on your outlook and our life. Step out of your routine to think about those things that matter most. Reflect, Renew, Relax, and Strengthen Your Faith. Further information and registration forms are in the retreat brochures available in church or in the parish office. This is the year to give yourself the gift of Cornerstone.



Participate as much or as little as you choose. Questions? Comments? contact: Vic Puglio [\(973\)-670-6999](tel:973-670-6999) James Stanski [\(917\)-250-4981](tel:917-250-4981) james_stanski@yahoo.com

**SAVE THE DATE
WOMEN'S PIZZA NIGHT WITH BISHOP**



Monday, September 25, 7:00 to 9:00 PM at Pope John XXIII High School – THE FIRST "Pizza Night for Women" with Bishop Serratelli. This event will be open to high school and

college aged women discerning their vocation. Come join Bishop Serratelli and our religious Sisters from the Diocese of Paterson for adoration, reflection, fellowship... and of course, pizza. For more information please call the Delegate for Religious Office at 973-777-8818 Ext. 207 or kerry@patersondiocese.org.

**SAVE THE DATE!
October 5, 2017
6th Annual Dinner
Wine Tasting & Auction**

The Sparta Ecumenical Food Pantry is holding its largest fundraiser event on Thursday, October 5th. This event provides much needed funds to provide food for those in need in Sparta and Sussex County. Tickets are \$60 per person. Doors open at 6:00 PM/Dinner served at 7:00 PM at Lake Mohawk Country Club, Sparta. This year's event includes *Magic Plus* from Joe Garsetti and friends. Contact the parish office to reserve your tickets.

**SILVER AND GOLD
WEDDING ANNIVERSARY MASS**

Couples, were you married in 1967 or 1992? You are warmly invited to celebrate your 25th or 50th Wedding Anniversary with the Church of Paterson. Bishop Serratelli will be the main celebrant at Mass at The Cathedral of St. John the Baptist in Paterson, Sunday, November 5, 2017 at 4:00 PM



Arrangement can be made by contacting the parish office. Registrations will be accepted through Tuesday, October 10th. Information will be sent from the Office of Family Life once your registration has been processed. Congratulations on this joyous occasion!